Met Office supporting aid efforts in Japan

16 March 2011 - The Met Office is using its global forecasting capability to support the UK Government and relief charities in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami that have devastated areas of Japan.

This support includes short and medium term weather forecasts to advise British citizens abroad through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and to help plan and support aid and recovery operations.

As the UK's national weather service these forecasts are provided as part of the country's international aid to the people of Japan.

ShelterBox is the Met Office's chosen charity and Nick Grahame, Operations Centre Manager at the Met Office said: "ShelterBox does fantastic work in disaster stricken regions. We are pleased to play our part by providing forecasts to their teams in the areas that have been affected."

Alf Evans, Operations Manager at ShelterBox said: "Our teams can be called into action anywhere in the world, at any time. Having the Met Office's global forecast available to us is essential for the smooth running of our operations."

Information about the current situation in Japan is available from the Japanese Meteorological Agency , the British Geological Survey and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre .

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